

Sixth Form Bulletin 05/06/20

Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham



Sixth Form Notices

BOTH YEARS QEHS Sixth Form Students - follow our new **Instagram page!** We are @qehs_sixth_form (https://www.instagram.com/qehs_sixth_form/)

The Curriculum Team has launched this Instagram page to pass on **relevant information and resources for progression** that we would normally be covering in special sessions if we were in school. We will also regularly **highlight opportunities that have been advertised in the Sixth Form Bulletin.**

BOTH YEARS The University of East Anglia is hosting a webinar called '**Student Wellbeing: Coping With Stress – Lockdown, Exams & University Transition**' on Wednesday 10 June 2020 (11am – 12 noon). The webinar aims to help students to **identify stress** and learn **stress management tools** based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy to improve wellbeing. Specifically, they will focus on how to stop stress getting in the way of study, managing stress when transitioning to university, and coping with stress during lockdown. For more information and to book a place, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/student-wellbeing-coping-with-stress-lockdown-exams-university-transition-with-zoe-poysden-mark-clamp-from-university-of-east-anglia/>

Careers/Apprenticeships

YEAR 12 As advertised in the recent assembly on our Instagram page, Rian Lamb from Ryder Architects will be talking about his **alternative route into a professional career** on Monday 8 June 2020 at 2pm. Please follow the link to listen to his presentation: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzU2YjliZGYtZjc5Ni00ZjlkLWFINTMtMDc2YTQ5MjVIMDQ1%40thread.v2/0?content=%7b%22id%22%3a%224c96078b-4606-49ee-b6ca-38fbfc54a2eb%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22bbfad7b7-20b3-47a8-a7a8-7242151a5447%22%7d

Remember his story is just one example and there will be **lots of other sectors** in which an alternative route will be possible. There will an opportunity to **ask questions** through the chat feature: the presentation and questions will last **approximately 40 minutes**. You will be asked to turn your audio and visuals off when you join the meeting, so you can listen to Rian and look at the amazing North East schemes he has been involved with.

YEAR 13 Working Options in Education are hosting a number of **Virtual Career Sessions** during June and July 2020. The sessions fall under two categories:

- **Insights from Industry Sessions:** industry guests will share their career journey stories and top tips on what employers look for, including an interactive Q&A session.
- **Employability Skills Workshops:** activity-based workshops that cover four topics (problem-solving, interviews, presentation skills, and teamwork) to help students get ready for the world of work.

To see the full list of Career Sessions and to book a place on the events, see

<https://workingoptions.org.uk/join-our-virtual-career-sessions-in-june-and-july/>

University/College

YEAR 13 Due to popular demand, **Goldsmiths University** are offering another session of their webinar called **'A University Guide to Getting the Most From Clearing'** on 12 June 2020 (2pm – 2.45pm). The session is ideally suited for Year 13 students who are **considering Clearing** as a possible option, and, in addition, want to find out more about **how universities are approaching Clearing** in the context of COVID-19. Members of the Curriculum Team attended the first session and called it **'one of the best seminars we have heard'** for its comprehensive and useful information. For more information and to register for the webinar, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/event/he-guidance-a-university-guide-to-getting-the-most-from-clearing-with-goldsmiths-university-of-london/>

YEAR 12 **Aberystwyth University** is holding a series of webinars called 'Your Guide to Higher Education: Making it from Application to Arrival'. The **step-by-step webinars** will guide students through the process of choosing a course and location through to application and preparing to finance studies.

1. **Why, What and Where to Study:** Making the Right Decision (15 June 2020, 2pm – 3pm)
2. **Personal Statements:** Making a Statement (22 June 2020, 2pm – 3pm)
3. **Student Life:** Making the Most of Being at University (29 June 2020, 2pm – 3pm)
4. **Student Finance:** Making it Easy to Budget and Understand (8 July 2020, 2pm – 3pm).

The University recommends watching the full series of webinars, but students are welcome to just join the ones they're interested in. For full details and to register for the webinars, see <https://www.channeltalent.co.uk/your-guide-to-higher-education-making-it-from-application-to-arrival-aberystwyth/>

YEAR 12 The next **'Webinar Wednesdays'** event, held by UK University Search, is on Wednesday 10 June 2020 and will explore **Studying Around the UK**. A bumper panel session will explore what it's like to study in different cities and regions around the UK, touring the country and speaking to different universities about what they have to offer. The institutions included in the panel are Manchester Metropolitan University, University of Hertfordshire, University of Suffolk, University of Glasgow, University of Huddersfield and University of Roehampton. The panel will also take part in a live Q&A session.

We will advertise the next Webinar Wednesday event in each weekly bulletin. For more information and to sign up, see <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/blog/post/webinar-wednesdays>

BOTH YEARS UK University Search is also hosting a **UK University Search Virtual Fair** on Wednesday 17 June 2020 (12 noon – 6pm). The event will feature an **online Exhibition Hall of universities and colleges** from across the UK, where students can view information and videos, download documents, and talk to representatives from that institution. There will also be an 'Auditorium' that will host **ten live webinars** on topics such as UCAS personal statements, clearing, and student finance. The event is aimed at both Year 12s who are conducting research before applying to university, and Year 13s who want to carry out Adjustment/Clearing research in preparation for the summer. For more information and to register for the event, see <https://ukuniversitysearch.vfairs.com/>

YEAR 12 The next 'Virtual Evolve' sessions from **Northumbria University** are:

- **Wednesday 10 June 2020: Choosing a course, choosing a university**
- **Monday 15 June 2020: Personal Statements**

All sessions will run from 2pm – 2.30pm. Northumbria will also **record** the broadcasts and make them available for students to watch at any time. For more information, see

<https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/information-for-schools-and-colleges/visit-northumbria/virtual-evolve-sessions/>

YEAR 12 The **University for the Creative Arts (UCA)**, which has four campus locations across the UK (Canterbury, Epsom, Farnham and Rochester), has set up a series of **UCA Live Events** to cover a range of topics. The next UCA Live Event, on **Tuesday 9 June 2020** (11am start), covers **preparing for university life and staying creative during lockdown**. For more information and to register for the event, see <https://www.uca.ac.uk/live/>

YEAR 12 The **University of Dundee** has upcoming online open days for students interested in **Medicine and Dentistry**:

- **School of Dentistry Online Open Day: Thursday 11 June 2020** (10am – 12.30pm). Sessions include information on Dentistry at Dundee and the application process, oral health sciences, and life as a dental student. For more information and to book a place, see <https://www.dundee.ac.uk/study/visitus/opendays/dentistry-june2020/>
- **School of Medicine Online Open Day: Friday 12 June 2020** (1pm – 3.30pm). Sessions include information on studying medicine at Dundee and the application process, virtual tours of the medical school facilities, staff and students discussing their experiences of Dundee, and a Q&A session. For more information and to book a place, see <https://www.dundee.ac.uk/study/visitus/opendays/medicine-june2020/>

YEAR 12 **Teesside University** has recently put together a video for students about how **to prepare a portfolio for creative courses** at university. The video is geared towards entry to Teesside University, but provides a starting point for seeing what universities will want for entry into creative courses. For more information, see <https://vimeo.com/420725866>

YEAR 12 The **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** has a **virtual open day portal** for students to explore. On the main landing page there are a number of sections about LSE, student life, student support, and information for parents/carers. Additionally, there is also a series of **live virtual online open day events** that students can sign up to attend, including sessions on student support and department-specific events. For more information, see <http://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Undergraduate/Prospective-Students/Virtual-undergraduate-open-day/virtual-undergraduate-open-day>

Enrichment

BOTH YEARS The **University of Law** is running a **Virtual Twilight Lecture** on **Tuesday 9 June 2020** for Sixth Form students interested in **studying or a career in Business**: 'How can managers maintain productivity in challenging times?'. The lecture will enhance students' understanding of business management and human resources, using theories of motivation from Hertzberg and Maslow to

consider how to increase productivity and performance of teams in an organisation. For more information, see <https://www.law.ac.uk/events/booking/?studylevel=1>

BOTH YEARS King's College at Cambridge University has put together a list of **super-curricular resources** (i.e. topics above and beyond the curriculum), which are useful for Sixth Form students to **develop their academic interests** and to **include in personal statements** when applying for university/college. The list from Kings' College (which is **not specific to Cambridge University** and applies to any student thinking of applying to any university) includes resources such as reading lists, current affairs links, podcasts, online courses, and other online resources. The page will be updated with more resources as time goes on. For more information, see <https://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying-to-kings/educational-resources-for-super-curricular-engagement>

YEAR 13 **BUNAC**, an international organisation that offers world-wide work, intern and volunteer programmes, has exclusive offers on their **Winter 2020 programmes**:

- **Work Canada:** sign up before 1 July 2020 and receive a free upgrade from Essentials to Ultimate (saving £140), including a pre-arranged winter job before departure.
- **Work Japan:** sign up before 1 July 2020 and receive a free upgrade from Essentials to Work Japan Ski (saving £149), including a pre-arranged winter job before departure.
- **Work Australia:** sign up before 1 July 2020 and receive a free RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) course in your chosen Australian state.
- **Work New Zealand:** sign up before 1 July 2020 and receive a free upgrade from Starter to Job Before You Go (saving £250)– including a pre-arranged seasonal job before departure.

For more information and to see all the opportunities that BUNAC offer, see <https://www.bunac.org/uk>

YEAR 12 The **University of Sheffield** has an extensive programme of **virtual taster days** for Year 12 students over June and July 2020. In all there are **17** taster sessions available, including:

- **Education:** 'The role of sleep in child development' (23 June 2020)
- **Music:** Music Psychology and Musicology (24 June 2020)
- **Materials Science and Engineering:** 'Secrets of Spider Silk' (25 June 2020)
- **Archaeology** Taster Day (1 July 2020)
- **East Asian Studies:** Korean pop culture taster session, Chinese language workshop and Japanese history taster session (2 July 2020)
- **English** Taster Day (7 July 2020)

For the full list of taster days, see <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/taster-days>